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### **Introducing *YOUR* Newsletter: *The Federal Architect***

Welcome to the inaugural edition of *The Federal Architect* – your source for important Federal Enterprise Architecture (FEA) related news, updates, and information. The newsletter's goal is to share Federal Enterprise Architecture information with stakeholders across the government. The quarterly on-line publication will highlight recent releases, best practices, OMB guidance, and other relevant information.

### **EA Assessment Results**

OMB recently reviewed Agencies EA's for input into the Q3 FY05 PMA Scorecard. Of the 25 agencies assessed, 24 had an "effective" EA - meaning that it is sufficiently mature to be used to guide and inform the agency's investment processes. The overall agency EA assessment average was **3.19** (out of 5) - a **36% increase** from last year. Agencies demonstrated improvement in all assessment categories, with the greatest shown in the "Architectural Approach" category. To reach a level 4 (out of 5) an agency needs to have a defined architecture approach and have key business drivers for agency lines of business and stakeholders. This year, 92% of agencies achieved this level – up from 16% last year.

- The Highest scoring categories were:
  - Architectural Approach (4.16)
  - Strategic Direction (3.48)
  - Components (3.36)
- The Lowest scoring categories (those requiring improvement) were:
  - Business Logic (2.48)
  - Performance (2.68)
  - Interface (2.72)

The Top Agencies for EA Assessments are: Interior, NSF, Labor, Education, HUD, and SBA. All assessed agencies have been notified of their score and action items to consider as they continue to develop their EAs.

### **OMB Exhibit 53 Guidance**

OMB is currently in the process of analyzing agency draft Exhibit 53s. To assist you, a document containing updated UPI coding rules for the E-Gov and LoB initiatives for use in preparing FY2007 budget submissions has been released. This document is an update to the information included in the appendix of last year's "Additional Instructions for the Presidential E-Gov and Lines of Business Initiatives for FY06 Budget Submissions" document. Please refer to these UPI coding rules to determine the correct UPI codes for investments associated with the E-Gov and LoB initiatives.

If your agency is a managing partner of an E-Gov or LoB initiative, please note that Exhibit 300s submitted by the managing partners for the E-Gov and LoB initiatives should include information regarding partner agencies. Specifically, question I.B.7.A in the Exhibit 300 requires:

- The name(s) of partner agencies;
- The UPI of the partner agency investments; and
- The partner agency contributions for the Current Year (CY) and Budget Year (BY).

#### **FEA PMO Exhibit 53 Analysis**

Agencies are reminded to map investments according to the guidelines in the Consolidated Reference Model that can be found at [www.egov.gov](http://www.egov.gov). To assist agencies in this process, OMB is conducting two training sessions on the EA portions of the Exhibit 53. The sessions will be held August 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please contact Thelma Lipscomb if you'd like to attend: [Thelma\\_M.\\_Lipscomb@omb.eop.gov](mailto:Thelma_M._Lipscomb@omb.eop.gov).

If you have any questions regarding the UPI coding rules or other concerns, please consult your CIO or contact your OMB Information Policy and Technology (IPT) analyst. [\[Link\]](#)

#### **IPv6 Memo Released**

OMB Memorandum M-05-22 which specifies how agencies are to transition towards Internet Protocol Version 6 (IPv6) has been released. [\[Link\]](#)

#### **FDA EA Case Study Released**

The first Enterprise Architecture Case Study, highlighting IT Consolidation at the Food and Drug Administration, has been released. [\[Link\]](#)

#### **What's New at Egov.gov?**

The FEA section of the [egov.gov](http://egov.gov) website has recently been updated to improve document organization and categorization. Changes include "New from the FEA PMO", "FEA Case Studies" and "FEA in the Budget" sections. Updates to Reference Models, status updates, and presentations given by Chief Architect Dick Burk will be highlighted at the website. Egov.gov will serve as the central repository of all FEA PMO communications. [\[Link\]](#)

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